Helpline for women in rural areas

2293. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of the women, especially in rural areas, is very bad;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to set up a helpline for women in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the kind of help provided through this helpline; and

(e) by when this helpline would be operationalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (e) Under the Swadhar Scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development — Women Helplines are being provided for help to women in difficult circumstances. Helpline is a 24 hour phones emergency outreach programme for women and girls in distress or in moral danger needing immediate protection and shelter. Till date 213 Women Helpline in both rural and urban areas, have been sanctioned across the country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 O'clock.

The House then adjourned at fifty-two minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock, MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Revised Estimates (2007-08) and Budget Estimates (2007-08) of the Employees State Insurance Corporation, New Delhi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMNENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Revised Estimates for the year 2006-07 and Budget Estimates for the year 2007-08 of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi. [Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T. 7136/07].

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): Sir, I lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the CISF Act, 1968, a copy (in English and Hindi) of Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs G.S.R. 533 (E) dated the 3rd August, 2007 publishing the Central Industrial Security Force (Amendment) Rules, 2007. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 7137/07].

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